

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

August 3, 2010

6:00 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Jim Daniel
Commissioner Trey Gooch
Commissioner A. Johnson
Commissioner Allen McAdoo
Commissioner Mike Sparks
Commissioner Ronald Williams
Commissioner Joe F. Jernigan, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess David Jones
Elizabeth Emslie Gerald Grimes
Mac Nolen Doug Steckbeck
James Estes Christie Estes
Kurt Potter Kevin Fisher
Ashley Harris Susan Coyner
Jerry Paschal Pat McCutcheon

Katherine Hudgins, Lisa Moore, Ronald Todd, Sheila Todd, Laurie Moore, Elizabeth Coker Gwendolyn James, Becky Shelton

Chairman Jernigan presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with all members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner A. Johnson moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as mailed. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

CONVENIENCE CENTERS REPORT AND LANDFILL REPORT:

Mac Nolen presented the June and July, 2010 Convenience Centers reports and Landfill reports for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner A. Johnson moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the Convenience Centers and Landfill reports as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

BUILDING CODES REPORT:

David Jones presented the June and July, 2010 Building Codes reports for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Williams moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to approve the Building Codes reports as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The Committee requested information on the junk yards listed on the report including status of the complaint.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Elizabeth Emslie presented the subdivision lot inventory, Planning Commission report and Public Works report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Daniel moved, seconded by Commissioner Williams, to approve the Planning Commission report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

HOME GRANT POLICIES & PROCEDURES AND CONTRACT WITH GREATER NASHVILLE REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR ADMINISTRATION:

The Committee was provided a proposed Resolution to adopt the HOME Program policies and procedures and a proposed contract with

Greater Nashville Regional Council for administrative and management services and assistance. Mayor Burgess advised this is a \$300,000 grant to be used to rehab and renovate housing of low income elderly citizens. There is no matching funds required. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Sparks moved, seconded by Commissioner A. Johnson, to approve adoption of the HOME Program policies and procedures and execution of the contract with Greater Nashville Regional Council for administrative and management services and forward the same to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chairman Jernigan presented a drainage easement for Lot 179 Fleming Farms, Section 1, Phase 2 advising the same has previously been approved by the Highway Commission. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Williams moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to approve the drainage easement as presented described as Lot 179, Fleming Farms, Section 1, Phase 2. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

ADDRESS BY AUDIENCE:

"Commissioner Williams moved, seconded by Commissioner Sparks, to allow a spokesperson in attendance to address the Committee if the area of concern falls under the Committee jurisdiction. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Ms. Elizabeth Coker first presented a written page to the Committee regarding conditional use permits and requirement that the Zoning Board and County Commissioners be presented with any applications for approval in addition to review by the County Planner and further advising Doug Demosi overstepped the legal boundaries of his authority when he approved a permit for a burial on property otherwise not designated as a cemetery on Veals Road.

Mr. Kevin Fisher next addressed the Committee regarding four questions previously passed out to the Committee that he had concerns about which included (1) Did Mr. Demosi have legal or constitutional right to grant permission for a body to be buried on the property at Veals Road? If so, what gave Ms. Emslie authority to grant this conditional permit, since it's her name which appears on this permit? (2) Why public was not informed about potential possible risks to the environment i.e. water supply, soil contamination and adequate notice? (3) County guidelines call for letters to be sent notifying local residents of upcoming events at this site? No resident claims to have received a letter. Why? (4) What about sink holes? I've noticed this ground sits below street level. Will this flood, and because the bodies are buried unvaulted, and with no coffin, should not an environmental study be done to ensure these bodies won't wash away or become unearthed? The Committee was advised water stands on the site where the body is buried and there were concerns. Mr. Fisher advised these questions are not being answered. Following discussion,

"Commissioner McAdoo moved, seconded by Commissioner Daniel, to forward the four questions presented by Kevin Fisher to the Planning Commission with a request to look into the drainage issue on the site in question. Also forward a copy to the County Attorney's Office, County Engineer and Health Department. The Committee requested a report back at the next Public Works Committee meeting. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Jernigan declared the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

JOE FRANK JERNIGAN, Chairman